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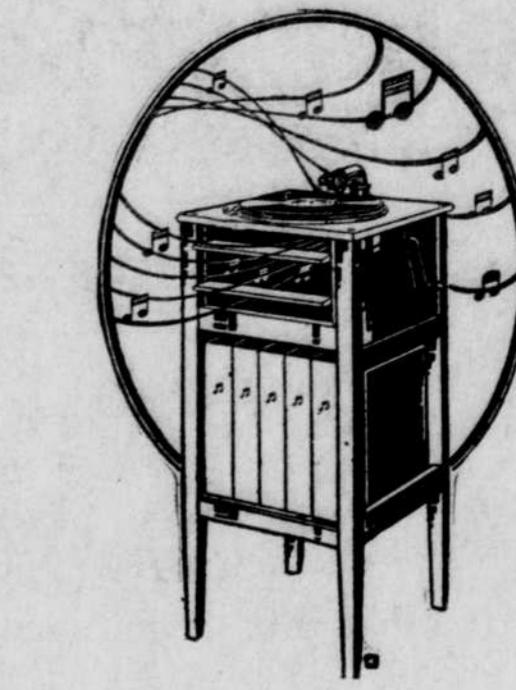
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HOW CAPTAIN JOHN COUTT GOT PEACE.

A wild, swearing tyrant of a sea captain lay on his back in mid-ocean death staring him in the face. He winched in the presence of the king of terrors, and fear of the beyond took fast hold upon him. He sent for his first officer, "Williams," said he, "get on your knees and pray for a fellow; I'm awfully bad. I expect I'll go this time." I'm not a praying man, captain, you know; I can't pray." "Well, bring your Bible and read me a bit for my ropes run out." I've no Bible, captain; you know well I'm not a religious man," said Williams. Send the second officer here, then," said the captain, "perhaps he can pray a bit." In a few moments the second officer stood by his bedside.

"I say, Thomas," said his captain, "I am afraid I'm bound for eternity this trip; get down and pray for me." "I'd do it to oblige you, captain, if I could," said the second officer, "but I can't; since I was a lad I've never prayed." "Have you a Bible then?" cried the poor captain. "Nor a Bible, sir." "Tell the third officer I want to see him," said the captain in desperation. The third officer was like his superiors, he neither prayed to God nor read

His inspired Word, and did not possess a Bible.

Alas, for the dying sinner! They searched the ship for a man that prayed but he was not aboard, nor could a Bible be found. At last a man informed the captain that he had seen a book like the Bible in the hands of the cook's boy, Willie Platt. "See if he has one," said the captain quickly. "Sonny, have you a Bible?" said the man to the boy. "Yes, but I only read it in my own time," replied Willie Platt, as he colored crimson. "Oh, that's all right, boy; take your Bible down to the captain's cabin; he's very sick, and thinks he's going to die, and wants somebody with a Bible."

Away went the boy with the Bible to the dying captain. "Have you a Bible boy?" "Yes, captain." Sit down there and find out something in it that will help me now. I'm going to die. Find something about God having mercy on miserable sinners like me, and read it to me." Poor boy! he didn't know where to read; but his mother had made him read the 53d chapter of Isaiah just before he went aboard for the voyage. Willie turned to that chapter and read. When he got to the fifth verse—"He was wounded for John Coutt's transgressions, He was bruised for our transgressions. He was bruised for John Coutt's iniquities; the chas-

our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes are we healed"

—the captain who had been listening for his life, realizing that he was certainly having his last chance, said, "Stop, boy, that sounds like it; read it again."

Once more Willie read the blessed soul-enlightening words, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes are we healed."

"Aye, boy, that's good, that's it." Willie got braver then, and said, "Captain, when I was reading that verse at home, mother made me put my name in it, may I put it in now just where mother told me?" Certainly, sonny, put your name in just where she told you." Reverently the boy read, "He was wounded for Willie Platt's transgressions. He was bruised for Willie Platt's iniquities: the chastisement of Willie Platt's peace was upon Him; and with His stripes Willie Platt is healed."

When Willie finished, the captain was half over the bedside, and said, "Boy, put your captain's name in, put your captain's name in, John Coutts, John Coutts." Then the boy read—"He was wounded for John Coutt's transgressions, He was bruised for John Coutt's iniquities; the chas-

tisement of John Coutts' peace was upon Him; and with His stripes John Coutts is healed." When he had finished the verse the captain said, "That'll do, boy, go on deck."

Then he lay back, and over and over he repeated the glorious words of Isaiah 53:5, putting his own name in, and as he did so, the joys of heaven filled the new-born soul. Another poor sinner for whom Christ died had received him. (John 1:12.) The soul of the captain passed away. His body was rolled in canvas, placed upon the plank, the plank was cogg'd, and it slipped off and disappeared till Jesus comes, and the sea gives up its dead. (John 5:28-29.) Before his spirit took its flight, John Coutts had witnessed to every man aboard his ship that Jesus was wounded for his transgressions, that Jesus was bruised for his iniquities, and that by the stripes of Jesus he was healed. "But God commendeth His love towards us, in that towards us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8.) —W. T.

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Mose Early Plaintiff

vs.

Kate Early Defendant

The defendant, Kate Early,

is hereby warned to appear in this court within thirty days to answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Mose Early.

Given under my hand this the 25th day of Oct. 1919.

T. L. GRAHAM,
Chancery Clerk.

S. S. Jeffries, Atty. Pltf.
W. H. Gingles Atty. ad-litem.

WARNING ORDER

In the Monroe County Chancery Court.

Ollie Lee Plaintiff

vs.

James W. Lee Defendant

The defendant, James W. Lee, is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against him in the above entitled cause.

T. L. GRAHAM,
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